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Preface to the second edition

The publication of *Micronational Dictionary* on 18 October 2022 brought upon an unanticipated positive and intriguing reaction from casual micronationalists to two macronational micropatriologists. I had taken a great deal of interest in the jargon of the intermicronational community since as far back as March 2019, when I first attempted to compile such a dictionary while working for micronational company Statistic-Fire. But it fell short of what I had hoped to achieve, and my knowledge of the history of micronationalism was at that time very limited.

When I took a greater interest in intermicronational history as 2022 began, I developed better techniques and knowledge for how to research and document this history. What revitalised my interest in micronational jargon was my July 2022 discovery of the Prince of the Sovereign Principality of Corvinia Peter Ravn Rasmussen's micronational dictionary webpage, which was entitled "A glossary of micronational terms." He had maintained the project between as early as 24 April 2001 until 20 May 2003, and the webpage went offline during the 2010s; though, it remains accessible through the Internet Archive.

The listed words—some of which remain in use today like YAMO—both shocked and intrigued me. It had listed several terms which I had at that point not yet seen, indeed making it an invaluable source for this work. Realising the sheer amount of terms that were once prominent yet had now been completely forgotten made me realise that I had to document and publicise these lost terms as well as the jargon used by micronationalists today—lest they be forgotten as well.

Though this dictionary is completely free, the positive reception as well as both encouraging and critical e-mails have motivated and enabled me to publish a fully-revised second edition of the *Micronational Dictionary*. With 50 new entries, numerous expanded etymologies and a new section dedicated entirely to the origin and growth of *micropatriology*—the word for the study of micronationalism—this second edition will in no doubt suffice as an improved and credible sequel to the first much-beloved work.

How to use this dictionary

Entries in *Micronational Dictionary* are listed alphabetically as such:

> **entry** (hyphenation pronunciation guide) *part of speech (represented by an abbreviation)* — [notes on the nature of said entry] Definition. [Year of coinage or emergence, coiner, place of coinage; additional notes; formation.]

For example:

> **derivatism** (dur·ɪ·vuht·ɪ·zm) *n.* — [Lusophone sector; Hispanic sector] Secessionism. [First attested October 1998, *As Convenções Do Ilam* [*Conventions of the LAIM*]; named for a self-proclaimed sovereign state that 'derives' from a macronation (as opposed to a micronation not formally declaring independence).]

If an entry has multiple definitions, than the individual informations for each definition will be shown separately as such:

> **word** (hyphenation pronunciation guide) — 1. *part of speech (represented by an abbreviation)* [notes on the nature of said entry] Definition. 2. *part of speech (represented by an abbreviation)* [notes on the nature of said entry] Definition. [1. Additional information on the first definition. 2. Additional information on the second definition.]

As an example:

> **MicroWiki** (mai·krow·wi·kee) — 1. *pn.* An online encyclopaedia and wiki founded on 27 May 2005, dedicated to documenting all aspects of micronationalism. 2. *pn.* [metonymically] The MicroWiki sector. 3. *n.* A version of MicroWiki in a particular language, especially in the plural. 4. *pn*. [dated; historical] A generic name for a micronational wiki. 5. *n*. [uncommon] A page on MicroWiki. [1–3, 5. Coined 27 May 2005 by Fabian Schneider, MicroWiki; 4. first incarnation founded before 2 August 2004, microwiki.tk; *micro-* + *wiki*.]

In the case where the part of speech is the same for all definitions, it will instead be given after the pronunciation guide as such:

> **micronational** (mai·krow·nay·shn·al) *adj.* — 1. Of, denoting, or pertaining to a micronation. 2. Of, denoting, or pertaining to an aspect of micronationalism. 3. [uncommon] Of, or having to do with more than one micronation; intermicronational. [1980s: *micronation* + *-al.*]

The purpose of this is to avoid the redundancy of needlessly repeating words.

The usage of abbreviations is because of brevity and to avoid the redundancy of repeating the same words; a list of abbreviations is given below. In the etymology section, words with a hyphen-minus at the end (as in *micro-*) are prefixes, while those with a hyphen-minus at the start (as in *-ally*) are suffixes. The plus symbol (+) denotes how a word was formed, for example: *micro-* + *wiki* for MicroWiki.

While the pronunciation guide is given in American English, native speakers of the English language should be able to easily understand and comprehend it, through which it may be adapted accordingly to the accent of one's preferred dialect of English. Additionally, a guide to pronunciations is given in the next page over to aid and help readers with how to pronounce certain words.

The choice of hyphenation over the International Phonetic Alphabet is due to convenience for readers. Instead of dividing by syllables, the hyphenations are spelled out with the exact sounds a letter makes so that it leaves no room for ambiguity or confusion over an exact pronunciation. This is so it may be understood with little knowledge of the English lexicon.

As an example:

> **micronational** (mai·krow·nay·shn·al)

As *micro* could theoretically be pronounced in several different ways—such as *mik·row* or *mai·kroo*—the pronunciation guide is given as follows:

mi	mai
cro	krow
na	nay
tion	shn
al	al

The sound that a certain combination of letters produces remains consistent throughout this dictionary for this very reason.

Abbreviations

Noun	*n.*
Adjective	*adj.*
Adverb	*adv.*
Verb	*vb.*
Proper noun	*pn.*
Prefix	*pref.*
Suffix	*suf.*
Abbreviation	*abr.*
Interjection	*interj.*
Symbol	*s.*

Glossary

Circa *c.*	Signifies approximately.
First attested	The earliest mention of a word that has been found.
Coined	The invention of a new word or phrase.
Conceptualised	The creation of a concept or tenet, which includes the coinage of a new word.
Uncommon	Not in common usage.
Rare	Stronger than *uncommon*, a word that is seldom used.
Dated	A word that was once in common usage, but is no longer such.
Obsolete	Stronger than *dated*, a word that is no longer used and unlikely to be understood.
Derogatory	A word expressing negative or belittling attitude to the thing that is being referred to; an insult.
Neologism	A recent term or word that is in the process of being accepted into the mainstream.
Protologism	A word coined by an individual that has not yet been published independently of the coiner.
Informal	A word that is irregular and used casually.
Non-standard	An irregular word or term that is used as a synonym for an already formally-established word.
Tone indicator	A symbol attached to a sentence or message sent in textual form to explicitly state the intent of how a message is meant to be perceived, especially when it may be ambiguous.
Metonymically	A figure of speech in which a concept is referred to by the name of something closely associated with that thing or concept.
Onomatopoeia	The formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named.

Pronunciation key

a / ah	**a**ct; **a**rm; fl**a**t
b	**b**urn; ca**b**in; **b**ridge
ch	**ch**allenge; **ch**oose; brea**ch**
d	**d**ance; be**d**; **d**on't
e	**e**dge; s**e**t; **e**nd
f	**f**ill; **f**resh; di**ff**er
g	**g**ap; be**g**; fi**g**ure
h	**h**ave; **h**eaven; be**h**ave
ɪ	b**i**t; **i**t; h**i**s
j	**j**ob; **j**eans; **j**ungle
k	**k**ey; bar**k**; bac**k**
l	**l**eave; de**l**iberate; mea**l**
m	**m**ove; a**m**; **m**o**m**ent
n	**n**ight; **n**o**n**e; e**n**forceme**n**t
ng	si**ng**; ba**ng**; ki**ng**
o	**o**range; ac**o**rn; f**oo**d
oi	n**oi**se; j**o**y; r**o**yal
p	do**p**e; **p**lace; **p**oint
r	**r**adical; a**rr**ow; ap**r**on
s	**s**ee; **s**o; no**s**e
t	about; **t**rick; **t**able
th	**th**ank; heal**th**; **th**ought
u	**u**nion; **u**nanimous; yo**u**ng
uh	p**u**sh; **u**mbrella; fr**o**nt
v	bea**v**er; **v**ine; gi**v**e
w	**w**hy; **w**eek; **w**ell
y	**y**awn; **y**es; bu**y**er
z	bu**zz**; **z**ero; **z**oo

µ—A

µ (mai·krow) *s*. — 1. [neologism] A symbol used to represent micronationalism. 2. [rare; dated] *micro-*. 3. [obsolete] A micronation itself. [2000s; from the unit prefix *micro-*; from the Greek letter µ (mu).]
((((Joke)))) (jowk) *s*. — [tone indicator; MicroWiki sector; dated] Denotes that the preceding statement is sarcastic or intended to be seen as a joke. [Coined December 2019 by Janus Adonis Greyling, Discord.]
24 Hour Quorum (twen·tee·for·au·uh quo·rum) *pn*. — A twenty-four hour long session (quorum) of the Grand Unified Micronational, consisting of delegates and often guests (non-delegates) who converse over intermicronational and macronational affairs. Typically includes the donating of money to charity. [Conceptualised 14 August 2012 by Tom Turner, Skype.]
@Discord (att·di·skord) *suf.* — A suffix applied to the name of a micronation's national server on the instant messaging social media platform Discord. [From *MicroWiki@Discord*; coined 17 September 2018 by Anthony Clark, Discord.]
active (ak·tuhv) *adj*. — The state in which a micronation or intermicronational organisation is presently performing actions. [Applied to micronations in 1979 by Erwin S. Strauss, *How to Start Your Own Country*.]
activity (ak·ti·vuh·tee) *n*. — 1. A measure of a micronation or intermicronational organisation's activeness by whether or not they are presently performing actions; rendered as active if performing actions or inactive if not performing actions. 2. The state or quality of being active. [Applied to micronations in 1979 by Erwin S. Strauss, *How to Start Your Own Country*; *active* + *-ity*.]
Amino sector (uh·mee·now·sek·tr) *pn*. — [protologism] A seldom active sector isolate based around the social media application Amino. [Coined 2 October 2022 by Zabëlle Skye.]
animal micronation (ah·nuh·muhl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — [rare] A micronation which is partly or entirely run by animals, who hold citizenship, run in elections, and ostensibly make sentiment decisions in said micronation. [c.2000s, probably GeoCities.]
antimicronationalism (an·tee·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [neologism] An ideology in opposition to micronationalism. [Coined 28 May 2022 by Caglar Cafer, MicroWiki; *anti-* + *micronationalism*.]
antimicronationalist (an·tee·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·ist) [neologism] — *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for antimicronationalism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, antimicronationalism. [Coined 10 July 2022 by Lewis Ross; *antimicronationalism* + *-ist*.]
astenation (a·stee·nay·shn) *n*. — 1. [neologism; possibly derogatory] A jocular micronation. 2. [neologism; derogatory] An unprofessional micronation, especially one which operates solely online; a cyber micronation. [Coined 13 January 2023 by the government of Quinta Los Naranjos; Ancient Greek *asteîon ἀστεῖον* ("joke") + *micronation*; literally "joke nation".]

B—Con

bedroom nation (beh·droom·nai·shn) *n*. — A micronation which's territory, or mainland, consists solely of a single bedroom or room. [First attested 2008 by Robert Ben Madison, *Ár Päts: The Classic History of the Kingdom of Talossa 1979-2008* (page 28).]

Big Three (big·three) *pn*. — [neologism] Ostensibly the three most influential micronationalists in the English-language sector: Kevin Baugh of Molossia (born 1962), Paddy Roy Bates of Sealand (1921–2012) and Leonard Casley of Hutt River (1925–2019). [Coined 17 December 2020 by Zabëlle Skye, MicroWiki.]

Bir Tawil (bir·ta·wil) *pn*. — 1. A terra nullius (unclaimed) desert region in Africa, along the border between Egypt and Sudan; declared by Egypt to be Sudanese-owned and by Sudan to be Egyptian-owned; hence claimed by neither macronation. 2. A generic name for a micronation claiming the Bir Tawil region. [1900s; from Arabic *bīr ṭawīl* بير طويل ("tall water well").]

boom! (boom) *n*. — [obsolete] A population boom; a sudden increase in the number of citizens of a micronation within a short period of time. [1997, from *boom* ("to flourish, grow, or progress"); onomatopoeia.]

bug (bug) *n*. — 1. [obsolete; derogatory] A micronationalist who serves no purpose other than being a source of annoyance. 2. [obsolete; derogatory] Shortening of bug nation. [Coined late 1995 by Robert Ben Madison; from verb *bug* "to annoy".]

bug nation (bug·nay·shn) *n*. — [dated; derogatory] A micronation which serves no purpose other than being a source of annoyance. [Coined late 1995 by Robert Ben Madison; from verb *bug* "to annoy".]

classical micropatriology (kla·suh·kl·mai·krow·pat·ri·uh·luh·jee) *n*. — [neologism] The paradigm of micronationalism and micropatriology that places micronations on a two-dimensional scale between simulationism (not actively seeking independence) and secessionism (actively seeking independence). [Conceptualised December 2019 by Saxber Blackwood.]

community micronation (kuh·myoo·nuh·tee·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — 1. A micronation consisting of numerous micronationalists within the same sector, especially ones holding dual citizenship in other micronations. 2. [MicroWiki sector] A hypothetical micronation that would be a collectively-run and managed project encompassing the entire MicroWiki sector. [1. March 2021, MicroWiki; 2. Coined December 2020–January 2021 by Saxbar Blackwood, Discord.]

contraGUMism (kon·tra·guhm·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [chiefly MicroWiki sector] Opposition towards the Grand Unified Micronational (GUM), its policies, or leadership. [Coined 10 May 2019 by Henry Clémens, writing in *Messenger*; *contra-* (Latin "against") + *GUM* + *-ism*.]

contraGUMist (kon·tra·guhm·ist) *n*. — [chiefly MicroWiki sector] One who believes in, or otherwise supports, contraGUMism. [Coined 10 May 2019 by Henry Clémens, writing in *Messenger*; *contraGUMism* + *-ist*.]

Cou—Ed

countercountry (kown·tr·kuhn·tree) *n*. — [obsolete] Historically noted synonym for a micronation. [First attested before 1 September 1996, *The Micronations Page*; *counter-* ("against") + *country*; meaning "in contradiction to a macronation".]
cultural group (kuhl·chr·uhl·groop) *n*. — [neologism] A stable community of interest, such as a friendship group, who share a common identity and provide the cultural basis for a micronation. [Conceptualised November 2017 by Saxber Blackwood.]
cultural micronation (kuhl·chr·uhl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — A micronation that functions as a simulation of a particular culture; often regarded as a form of simulationism. [Origin obscure.]
cyber micronation (sai·br·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — A micronation that does not claim any physical territory, instead claiming or being based around the Internet or World Wide Web, such as through social media. [Early 2000s; *cyberspace* + *micronation*.]
cybernation (sai·br·nay·shn) *n*. — [dated] Historically common synonym for a cyber micronation. [Likely 1996, GeoCities; *cyberspace* + *micronation*.]
cyberstate (sai·br·stayt) *n*. — [obsolete] Historically common synonym for a cyber micronation. [c.1999–2003; compare *cybernation*; *cyberspace* + *state*.]
derivatism (dur·ɪ·vuht·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [Lusophone sector; Hispanic sector] Secessionism. [First attested October 1998, *As Convenções Do Ilam* [*Conventions of the LAIM*]; named for a self-proclaimed sovereign state that 'derives' from a macronation (as opposed to a micronation not formally declaring independence).]
digital micronation—see cyber micronation.
diplomania (duh·plow·may·nee·uh) *n*. — [obsolete] The state of being diplomantic. [Coined 2000 by P. R. Rasmussen and A. C. Caum; *diplomacy* + *-mania*.]
diplomantic (duh·plow·man·tik) *n*. — [obsolete] A new micronation or micronationalist who is overly-eager to seek out diplomatic relations with other micronations in a manner considered indicative of a preference for quantity over quality. [Coined 2000 by P. R. Rasmussen and A. C. Caum; *diplomacy* + *-atic*.]
Discord sector (di·skord·sek·tr) *pn*. — A sector based around the voice over IP and instant messaging social platform Discord, categorised by its lose associations with the Reddit and MicroWiki sectors. [First attested c.September 2020; may predate this date.]
Discord nation (di·skord·nay·shn) *n*. — A micronation which exists or operates—in part or entirely—on the instant messaging social media platform Discord. [c.2017, Discord.]
DoveArchives sector (dove·aar·kives·sek·tr) *pn*. — [neologism] The sector of micronationalists who use the DoveArchives wiki or associated Discord server. [Coined 29 April 2023 by Ethan S., DoveArchives.]
edit war (eh·duht·wor) *n*. — [MicroWiki sector] A dispute over the content of a page on MicroWiki between opposing editors continually making edits (changes) without discussion. [2010s, MicroWiki; from Wikipedia; *edit* + *war*.]
edit warring (eh·duht·wor·uhng) *vb*. — [MicroWiki sector] To engage or participate in an edit war. [Present particle; *edit war* + *-ing*.]

Eg—Hah

egonation (ee·gow·nay·shn) *n*. — [dated; derogatory] A micronation with only one citizen or one active participant; a one man nation. [c.1997; *ego* + *micronation*.]
egostan (ee·gow·stan) *n*. — [sometimes derogatory] A micronation with only one citizen or one active participant; a one man nation. [c.2017, MicroWiki forums/Skype; *ego* + *-stan* (Persian *-estān* ستان "land of".)
ephemeral state (uh·feh·mr·uhl·stayt) *n*. — [dated] Historically common synonym for micronation; most prominent in the 1990s. [First attested 29 October 1986, *Orlando Sentinel*; predates this date–formal name of a micronations file by the Office of the Geographer of the United States State Department; possibly from *ephemeral* meaning "lasting for a very short period" due to a large quantity of micronations becoming inactive within a short period of time.]
extraterrestrial micronation (ek·struh·tr·eh·stree·uhl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — A micronation that claims extraterrestrial objects as its territory, such as portions of space, planets, or satellites. [1990s, possibly GeoCities.]
Facebook sector (fays·buk·sek·tr) *pn*. — [neologism] A sector based around the online social media platform Facebook. [Coined c.2020 by Zabëlle Skye, Discord.]
fantasy micronation (fan·tuh·see·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — 1. A territorial micronation that incorporates or combines fictionalised or otherwise exaggerated elements with real life. 2. [dated] Geofiction. 3. [derogatory] A micronation which exists or functions largely on the Internet; a cyber micronation. 4. [rare] A micronation that does not exist. [1. Probably 1990s, GeoCities; 2. first attested late 1999, LoSS mailing list; 3. first attested before 15 April 2004; likely predates this date; 4. 2000s.]
fragmentation theory (frag·muhn·tay·shn·thee·ur·ee) *n.* — A theory that aims to explain the causes of inactivity within a micronation. [c.2004–15 October 2006; probably coined by Bruno Cava; from Portuguese *teoria da fragmentação*.]
geofiction (jee·oh·fik·shn) *n*. — [known outside of micronationalism as *worldbuilding*] The conception, description and creation of a fictional country or a fictional world, sometimes associated with a fictional universe. Since 2009–10, geofiction as a form of micronationalism has been completely rejected by micronationalists and micropatriologists. [First attested 27 June 2004, Wikipedia; likely predates this date; *geo-* ("geographical") + *fiction*.]
geofictionist (jee·oh·fik·shn·ist) 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, or relating to, geofiction. 2. *n*. One who participates in geofiction. [2004; *geofiction* + *-ist*.]
Google+ sector (goo·gl·pluhs·sek·tr) *pn*. — A former sector based around the erstwhile social network Google+, categorised by its association with the YouTube sector. [Coined 9 November 2020 by Anthony I of Saspearian, MicroWiki.]
hahu (ha·hoo) *interj*. — [MicroWiki sector] Expression of agreement or approval to what has been said. [Before 6 June 2016, Mercian Parliament House.]

Har—Im

hard secessionism (haard·suh·seh·shn·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [neologism] A form of secessionism in which micronations go to great lengths to present themselves as fully independent and sovereign states, often causing conflict with macronational authorities over issues such as taxation and planning permission. [Conceptualised 15 August 2019 by Jonathan I of Austenasia, MicroWiki; from adj. *hard* ("extreme") + *secessionism*.)
hard secessionist (haard·suh·seh·shn·ist) 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for hard secessionism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, hard secessionism. [Conceptualised 15 August 2019 by Jonathan I of Austenasia, MicroWiki; *hard secessionism* + *-ist*.]
hardline secessionism (haard·line·suh·seh·shn·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] The tenet of generally ignoring the intermicronational community and treating micronations as serious secessionist movements with every intention of achieving macronational recognition. [Conceptualised 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
hardline secessionist (haard·line·suh·seh·shn·ist) [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] — 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for hardline secessionism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, hardline secessionism. [Coined 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki; *hardline secessionism* + *-ist*.]
hardline simulationism (haard·line·sim·yuh·lay·shn·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] The tenet that micronations should not formally declare independence, and rather serve as personal entertainment. [Conceptualised 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
hardline simulationist (haard·line·sim·yuh·lay·shn·ist) [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] — 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for hardline simulationism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, hardline simulationism. [Coined 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki; *hardline simulationism* + *-ist*.]
historical micronation (huh·staw·ruh·kl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — 1. A micronation that functions as a simulation of an historical nation-state, often mimicking its form of government, laws, beliefs or culture. 2. A defunct micronation. [1. Origin obscure; 2. first attested 15 September 2007, Wikipedia; may predate this date.]
in micronational life — see IML.
imaginary country (uh·ma·juh·neh·ree·kuhn·tree) *n*. — [dated; derogatory] Historically common synonym for a micronation, now regarded as derogatory. [First attested before 1 September 1996, *The Micronations Page*.]
IML (ai·em·el) — 1. *adv*. [dated] Referring to one's role in micronationalism, as opposed to real life; macronationalism. 2. *adj*. [dated] Happening or existing within micronationalism. [c.1998; initialism of *in micronational life*.]
IMO (ai·em·oh; ai·mow) *abr.* — Acronym for intermicronational organisation. [From *intergovernmental organisation*.]

In—I

inactive (in·ak·tuhv) *adj*. — The state in which a micronation or intermicronational organisation is not presently performing actions. [Applied to micronations in 1979 by Erwin S. Strauss, *How to Start Your Own Country*.]
inactivity (in·ak·tuhv·uh·tee) *n*. — The state or quality of being inactive. [Applied to micronations in 1979 by Erwin S. Strauss, *How to Start Your Own Country*; *inactive* + *-ity*.]
indigenous nation (uhn·di·juh·nuhs·nay·shn) *n*. — [neologism] A secessionist micronation established by indigenous peoples claiming pre-existing sovereignty over their macronation, often not practicing macronational privilege. [Coined 11 August 2022 by Danny Racovolis, MicroWiki.]
Instagram sector (in·stuh·gram·sek·tr) *pn*. — A sector based around the photo and video sharing social networking service Instagram, generally categorised by its association with the Twitter sector. [First attested mid-May 2020, Discord.]
intermicronational (in·ter·mai·krow·nay·shn·al) *adj*. — Of or having to do with more than one micronation. [First attested 14 October 1996, Usenet; *inter-* + *micronational*.]
intermicronational community (in·ter·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·kuh·myoo·nuh·tee) *n*. — The community of micronations and intermicronational organisations around the world. [First attested 13 May 1999, Usenet; likely predates this date.]
intermicronational economics (in·ter·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·eh·kuh·naa·muhks) *n*. — The branch of micronational economics concerned with giving the intermicronational community an economy. [First attested 27 August 2016 by Liam Sinclair, writing in *The Coprieta Standard*.]
intermicronational law (in·ter·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·law) *n*. — A hypothetical set of standards, norms and rules within the intermicronational community. [First attested 13 May 1999, Usenet; from *international law*.]
intermicronational organisation (in·ter·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·or·guh·nai·zay·tion) *n*. — An organisation or union composed of micronations—referred to as member states. [Probably 1996–97, GeoCities; from *intergovernmental organisation*.]
intermicronational summit (in·ter·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·suh·muht) *n*. — Alternative name for a micronational summit. [First attested 2 July 2008, Wikinews; may predate this date.]
intermicronationally (in·ter·mai·krow·nay·shn·uh·lee) *adj*. — In an intermicronational manner. [Probably late 1990s; *intermicronational* + *-ly*.]
Internet micronation — see cyber micronation.

L—Ma

light secessionism (lite·suh·seh·shn·ɪ·zm) *n.* — [neologism] A form of secessionism in which micronations officially claim sovereignty, but openly acknowledge their status as micronations by not actively seeking independence, adhering to macronational privilege, or by including jocular or satirical elements. [Conceptualised 15 August 2019 by Jonathan I of Austenasia.]
light secessionist (lite·suh·seh·shn·ist) 1. *adj.* Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for light secessionism. 2. *n.* One who supports, or advocates for, light secessionism. [Conceptualised 15 August 2019 by Jonathan I of Austenasia; *light secessionism* + *-ist*.]
linguistic sector (luhng·gwi·stuhk·sek·tr) *n.* — [rare] A sector as defined by its language. [Coined 15 September 2006 by Pedro Aguiar, Wikimicropídia; from Portuguese *setor lingüístico*.]
island micronation (ai·luhnd·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — 1. A micronation which's primary territory consists of one or more islands or parts of an island. 2. [rare; dated] A seasteading micronation. [2010s.]
macro (mak·row) *n.* — 1. [informal] Clipping of macronation. 2. Of, denoting, or pertaining to an aspect of macronationalism; macronational. [1. Probably 1997; 2. probably 1997–98; clipping of *macronation*.]
macro- (mak·row) *pref.* — Of, denoting, or pertaining to an aspect of macronationalism. [Probably 1996; clipping of *macronation*.]
macronation (mac·row·nay·shn) *n.* — 1. An internationally recognised sovereign nation-state. 2. Any country, as opposed to a micronation. [First attested 9 September 1997, Usenet; *macro-* + *nation*; prefix is an antonym of *micro-* as in *micronation*.]
macronational (mac·row·nay·shn·al) *adj.* — 1. Of, denoting, or pertaining to a macronation; macronationalist. 2. Of, denoting, or pertaining to an aspect of macronationalism. [First attested 9 September 1997, Usenet; *macronation* + *-al*.]
macronational micropatriology (mac·row·nay·shn·al·mai·krow·pat·ri·uh·luh·jee) *n.* — [protologism] The study of micronations and micronationalism (micropatriology) by non-micronationalists. [Conceptualised 25 March 2023 by Zabëlle Skye.]
macronational privilege (mac·row·nay·shn·al·pri·vuh·luhj) *n.* — A policy in which a micronation adopts or follows the laws of its parent macronation in order to avoid legal repercussions. [January 2020, MicroWiki; legal definition from Adammia.]
macronationalism (mac·row·nay·shn·al·ɪ·zm) *n.* — The association with macronations or macronational culture as a whole. [Probably late 1999–2000; *macronational* + *-ism*.]
macronationalist (mac·row·nay·shn·al·ist) — 1. *adj.* Of, denoting, or pertaining to a macronation; macronational. 2. *n.* [rare] A person involved in macronationalism. [1. Probably 1997–99, GeoCities; 2. origin obscure; *macronational* + *-ist*.]
macronationality (mac·row·nay·shn·al·uh·tee) *n.* — The quality of being macronational. [First attested 11 November 1998, Usenet; *macronation* + *-ality*.]

Mac—Micronation

macronationally (mac·row·nay·shn·uh·lee) *adv.* — In a macronational manner. [First attested 16 May 1999, Usenet; *macronational* + *-ly*.]
medium secessionism (mee·dee·uhm·suh·seh·shn·ɪ·zm) *n.* — [neologism] A form of secessionism in which micronations publicly present themselves as sovereign states, but adhere to macronational privilege and hold private views that becoming internationally recognised as independent is implausible or regrettably futile. [Conceptualised 15 August 2019 by Jonathan I of Austenasia, MicroWiki.]
medium secessionist (mee·dee·uhm·suh·seh·shn·ist) 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for medium secessionism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, medium secessionism. [Conceptualised 15 August 2019 by Jonathan I of Austenasia, MicroWiki; *medium secessionism* + *-ist*.]
micro (mai·krow) *n.* — 1. [informal] Clipping of micronation. 2. Of, denoting, or pertaining to an aspect of micronationalism; micronational. [1. Possibly 1990s. 2. Probably 1970s; clipping of *micronation*.]
micro- (mai·krow) *pref.* — Of, denoting, or pertaining to an aspect of micronationalism. [Probably 1970s; clipping of *micronation*.]
Micro-chan (mai·krow·chan) *n.* — Short form of Micronation-chan. [Coined 1 May 2020 by Amelia I of Lytera, Discord; *micro-* + *-chan* (Japanese *-chan* ちゃん "familiar or childish title affixed to people's names")].
Microballs (mai·krow·baals) *n.* — [chiefly MicroWiki sector] Micronational Polandballs: user-created digital comics and artwork wherein micronations are represented by spherical stereotypically-personified blobs that interact in often broken English, satirising micronational culture, events and intermicronational relations. [Late August 2010, Skype; *Micro-* + *Polandball*.]
micromacronation (mai·krow·mac·row·nay·shn) *n.* — [neologism; historical] A micronation that is named after an already existing macronational entity; an eponym. [Coined 7 March 2006 by Pedro Aguiar; *micro-* + *macronation*, from Portuguese *micromacronação*.]
micronation (mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — 1. A self-proclaimed sovereign state without international recognition that is treated differently to a state with limited recognition; a category of aspirant states that is not regarded as a disputed state, quasi-state or proto-state—often small enough in size to not be challenged by its parent macronation. 2. [obsolete] A tribal or ethnic breakaway state or secessionist movement, typically in subsaharan Africa or Papua New Guinea. [1. First attested 28 March 1976, *The New York Times*; possibly related to *micropatrology* ("study of micronationalism", literally "study of small fatherlands") coined 1973—compare *micro-*; or, perhaps derived from definition 2; *micro-* + *nation*; literally "small country"; 2. first attested either 1964 (meaning uncertain), *Liberté: Socialisme et planification* (page 246), or with certainty 1969, *Nation-building in Africa: Problems and Prospects* (page 25).]

Micronation N—Micronational S

micronation nullius (mai·krow·nay·shn·nuhl·ɪ·uhs) *n*. — [protologism] Territory that is not claimed by a micronation. [Coined 18 October 2022 by Zabëlle Skye; taken from Latin *terra nullius* ("nobody's land"); literally "nobody's micronation."]
Micronation-chan (mai·krow·nay·shn·chan) *n*. — Artwork of micronations personified as moe anthropomorphism (anime-like) characters. [Coined 1 May 2020 by Amelia I of Lytera, Discord; *micronation* + *-chan* (Japanese *-chan* ちゃん "familiar or childish title affixed to people's names")].
micronation-like (mai·krow·nay·shn·like) *n*. — Similar to that of a micronation. [*micronation* + *-like*.]
micronational (mai·krow·nay·shn·al) *adj*. — 1. Of, denoting, or pertaining to a micronation or aspect of micronationalism. 2. [uncommon] Of, or having to do with more than one micronation; intermicronational. [1980s: *micronation* + *al*.]
micronational archaeology (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·aar·kee·aa·luh·jee) *n*. — The online study of the history of micronations by analysis of what mentions remains of them on the Internet. [Coined 24 July 2006 by Rodrigo Rocha; from Portuguese *arqueologia micronacional*.]
micronational boom (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·boom) *n*. — Alternative name for a micronations boom; a sudden increase in the number of micronations and micronational activity in a particular area during a particular period. [c.1990s.]
micronational community (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·kuh·myoo·nuh·tee) *n*. — 1. A community of micronations, micronationalists and intermicronational organisations; a sector. 2. The intermicronational community. [First attested 19 August 1997, Usenet; likely predates this date.]
micronational entity (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·en·tuh·tee) *n*. — A polity (political entity) that is similar to, but ultimately considered distinct from, a micronation. [First attested 6 March 2003, Usenet; may predate this date.]
micronational man of mystery — see MMM.
micronational organisation (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·or·guh·nai·zay·tion) *n.* — 1. An intermicronational organisation. 2. A micronational legal entity with an explicit purpose and written rules. [Probably 1996–97, GeoCities; but first attested 21 June 1999, Usenet.]
micronational summit (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·suh·muht) *n*. — 1. A physical, diplomatic meeting (summit) between three or more micronationalists. 2. [uncommon] A diplomatic meeting between two micronationalists or a state visit. [Origin obscure.]
micronational superpower (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·soo·pr·pau·or) *n.* — 1. A micronation that has reached a level of great status in a sector, such as dominating in certain micronational classifications, or in all aspects. 2. A hypothetical micronation that dominates, or holds a great influence over, the intermicronational community. [First attested 4 August 2009, MicrasWiki; likely predates this date; from *superpower* ("a sovereign state with dominant status in the world").]

Micro…W—Micronationry

micronational war (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·wor) *n*. 1. Armed conflict between micronations, always non-fatal and usually non-violent, with weapons often consisting of airsoft guns or Nerf weaponry. 2. A series of verbal insults or threats made between micronations or micronationalists during an argument or disagreement online. 3. [Discord sector; r/micronations] Warfare taking place online, such as through server nuking, spamming, doxxing and by disrupting critical online services; cyberwarfare. [First attested 25 October 1998, Usenet; may predate this date.]
micronational warfare (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·wor·fehr) *n*. — War (always non-fatal and usually online) between micronations. [Probably c.1999–2001.]
micronational world (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·wurld) *n*. — Synonym for the intermicronational community. [First attested 2 December 1996, Usenet.]
Micronational World War (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·wurld·wor) *pn*. — 1. A hypothetical world war between micronations. 2. A common name given to a large-scale intermicronational conflict. [First attested 25 September 2013, Twitter; may predate this date. From *World War*.]
micronationalism (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·ɪ·zm) *n*. — The association with micronations, the micronational community, or micronational culture as a whole. [1967, translation of V. I. Iordanskiy in *World Economy and International Relations* (no. 2 for 1967); *micronational* + *-ism*.]
micronationalist (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·ist) — 1. *n*. One who runs, or otherwise participates in, a micronation. 2. *n*. [uncommon] A person involved in micronationalism, but not with a micronation directly. 3. *adj*. [obsolete] Of, denoting, or pertaining to an aspect of micronationalism; micronational. [1980s; *micronational* + *-ist*.]
micronationalist Twitter (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·ist·twi·tr) *pn*. [neologism] The virtual community (sector) of mostly micronationalists who use the social media platform Twitter to make posts surrounding intermicronational diplomacy, events, issues and other ongoings of interest to the micronational community. [Coined 11 May 2022 by Devin Purcell, MicroWiki.]
micronationality (mai·krow·nay·shn·al·uh·tee) *n*. — The quality of being micronational; micronationalism. [First attested 25 September 1997, Usenet; *micronation* + *-ality*.]
micronationally (mai·krow·nay·shn·uh·lee) *adv*. — In a micronational manner. [Probably 1996–97, GeoCities; *micronational* + *-ly*.]
micronationhood (mai·krow·nay·shn·hood) *n*. — 1. [uncommon] The quality of being a micronation. 2. [rare] Micronations, considered as a group. [First attested 8 March 1997, Usenet; *micronation* + *-hood*.]
micronationry (mai·krow·nay·shn·ree) *n*. — 1. [rare; non-standard] The quality of being micronational; micronationalism. 2. [rare; dated; non-standard] Micropatriology. [*micronation* + *-ry*; 1. early 2000s; 2. c.1998–99.]

Micronations b—MicroP

micronations boom (mai·krow·nay·shns·boom) *n.* — A sudden increase in the number of micronations and micronational activity in a particular area during a particular period. [First attested 8 April 2013, Wikipedia; probably predates this date.]
micropatriological (mai·krow·pat·ri·oh·loj·ɪ·kl) *adj.* — Of, denoting, or pertaining to micropatriology. [Probably late 1998–99; from *micropatrological*, coined 1973 by the International Micropatrological Society, likely Frederick W. Lehmann IV.]
micropatriologist (mai·krow·pat·ri·uhl·oj·ist) *n.* — One who practices micropatriology. [First attested October 1998, *As Convenções Do Ilam* [*Conventions of the LAIM*]; from *micropatrologist*, likely 1970s, probably International Micropatrological Society.]
micropatriology (mai·krow·pat·ri·uh·luh·jee) *n.* — The study of micronationalism; micronations, their relationship with macronations, claims to sovereignty (statehood), secessionism, and the intermicronational community. [First attested October 1998, *As Convenções Do Ilam* [*Conventions of the LAIM*]; from *micropatrology*, coined 1973 by the International Micropatrological Society, likely Frederick W. Lehmann IV.]
micropatrological (mai·krow·pat·ruh·loj·ɪ·kl) *adj.* — [uncommon] Former name for *micropatriological*, still seldom in use. [Coined 1973 by the International Micropatrological Society, likely Frederick W. Lehmann IV; *micropatrology* + *-ical*.]
micropatrologist (mai·krow·pat·ruh·loj·ist) *n.* — Former name for *micropatriologist*, still in seldom use. [Likely 1970s, probably International Micropatrological Society; *micropatrology* + *-ist*.]
micropatrology (mai·krow·pat·ruh·luh·jee) *n.* — [uncommon] Former name for *micropatriology*, still seldom in use. [Coined 1973 by the International Micropatrological Society, probably Frederick W. Lehmann IV; *micro-* + *patria* (Latin "country" or literally "fatherland") + *-ology* ("common variant of *-logy*"); literally "study of small countries."]
MicroPédia (mik·row·pehd·ee·uh) *pn.* — A generic name for a Portuguese-language micronational encyclopaedia or wiki. [First incarnation founded 2003, coined by either Rafael Filgueira or Bruno Cava; *micro-* + *enciclopédia* (Portuguese "encyclopaedia").]
microphobe (mai·krow·phob) *n.* — [rare] One who practices, or engages in, microphobia. [*micro-* + *-phobe*.]
microphobia (mai·krow·phob·ia) *n.* — [rare] Hatred for, dislike of—or prejudice against—micronations or micronationalism; antimicronationalism. [*micro-* + *-phobia*.]
microphobic (mai·krow·phob·ik) *adj.* — [rare] Relating to, or characteristic of, microphobia or microphobes. [*micro-* + *-phobic*.]
MicroProject (mai·krow·pruh·jekt) *n.* — [MicroWiki sector] An organisation (group) of editors on MicroWiki devoted to the management and editing of pages related to a single subject of information on the wiki. [From *MicroProject Copy Edit*, MicroWiki; coined 17 January 2010, Gordon Freeman [Philip Fish]; from Wikipedia; *MicroWiki* + *WikiProject*.]

Microw—MM

microwar (mai·krow·wor) *n*. — [rare; informal; dismissive] Micronational warfare. [2011–13, MicroWiki; may predate this date.]
MicroWiki (mai·krow·wi·kee) — 1. *pn.* An online encyclopaedia and wiki founded on 27 May 2005, dedicated to documenting all aspects of micronationalism. 2. *pn.* [metonymically] The MicroWiki sector. 3. *n.* A version of MicroWiki in a particular language, especially in the plural. 4. *pn*. [dated; historical] A generic name for a micronational wiki. 5. *n*. [uncommon] A page on MicroWiki. [1–3, 5. Coined 27 May 2005 by Fabian Schneider, MicroWiki; 4. first incarnation founded before 2 August 2004, microwiki.tk; *micro-* + *wiki*.]
MicroWiki community (mai·krow·wi·kee·kuh·myoo·nuh·tee) *pn.* — The MicroWiki sector. [First attested 10 April 2009, MicroWiki; likely predates this date.]
MicroWiki sector (mai·krow·wi·kee·sek·tr) *pn*. — A sector of micronations and micronationalists who are based around MicroWiki or one of its venues, including the former MicroWiki forums, current MicroWiki@Discord and other language-editions of the wiki. [First attested 6 September 2011, *Tiana Today*; likely predates this date.]
MicroWiki sphere (mai·krow·wi·kee·sfeer) *pn*. — [obsolete; chiefly MicroWiki sector] Historical name for the MicroWiki sector. [First attested 7 May 2010, *The Micronational Dictionary* [OAM]; certainly predates this date.]
MicroWikian (mai·krow·wi·kee·uhn) — 1. *n*. A micronationalist who contributes to MicroWiki—especially a regular editor. 2. *n.* A micronationalist from, or involved in, the MicroWiki sector. 3. *n*. [uncommon; chiefly MicroWiki sector] A user of one of MicroWiki's sister projects or venues, such as MicroWiki@Discord. 4. *adj*. [uncommon] Of, denoting or relating to, MicroWiki. [c.2006, MicroWiki: *MicroWiki* + *-ian*.]
MicroWikiholic (mai·krow·wi·kee·ho·luhk) *n*. — [often humorous; MicroWiki sector] One who devotes a vast amount of time to editing or spending time on MicroWiki, or one of its associated projects. [Coined 22 June 2019 by Zabëlle Skye, MicroWiki.]
microworld (mai·krow·wurld) *n*. — 1. [informal; dated] The intermicronational community. 2. [informal; dated] Micronational community. 3. [obsolete] Historically a synonym for Micras and the Micras sector—a geofiction community and wiki. [1–2. First attested 21 June 1999, Usenet; may predate this date; 3. 2000s; *micro-* + *world*.]
microworld war (mai·krow·wurld·wor) *pn*. — 1. [rare; non-standard] Synonym for Micronational World War. 2. [obsolete] A Micronational World War in the MicroWiki sector. [Coined 6 April 2010 by Wilhelm of New Europe, MicroWiki.]
Middle Guard (mi·dl·gaard) *pn*. — [MicroWiki sector] The generation of the MicroWiki sector in-between the Old Guard and New Guard. [c.2015, MicroWiki; *middle* + *Guard*, from *Old Guard*.]
MMM (em·em·em) *n*. — [obsolete] A micronationalist who posts to various discussion boards within the micronational community under individual pseudonymous names or identities. [Coined early 2001 by P. R. Rasmussen; initialism of *micronational man of mystery*.]

MN—MW

MN (em·en) *abr.* — [uncommon] Abbreviation of micronation. [First attested 24 October 2004, MNwiki; possibly predates this date.]
model country (maa·dl·kuhn·tree) *n.* — Synonym for micronation. [Coined 1979 by Erwin S. Strauss, *How to Start Your Own Country* (page 109); likely referring to micronations as being models (replicas) of macronations.]
modelling (maa·duh·luhng) *n.* — The combination of geofiction or fictional history with micronationalism in the real world. [Coined 1997 by Pedro Aguiar.]
moderate secessionism (mo·duh·rayt·suh·seh·shn·ı·zm) *n*. — [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] The tenet of making genuine efforts to act like a sovereign nation-state whilst privately acknowledging the micronational nature of one's projects and participating in the intermicronational community. [Conceptualised 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
moderate secessionist (mo·duh·rayt·suh·seh·shn·ist) [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] — *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for moderate secessionism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, moderate secessionism. [Coined 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
moderate simulationism (mo·duh·rayt·sim·yuh·lay·shn·ı·zm) *n*. — [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] The tenet that micronations should declare independence (albeit with little desire for recognition as non-micronations), yet are essentially hobby projects or political simulations. [Conceptualised 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
moderate simulationist (mo·duh·rayt·sim·yuh·lay·shn·ist) [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] — *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for moderate simulationism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, moderate simulationism. [Coined 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
motive micropatriology (mow·tuhv·mai·krow·pat·ri·uh·luh·jee) *n.* — [neologism] A micropatriological theory or concept meant to supersede classical micropatriology by replacing the one-dimensional scale between simulationism and secessionism with a two-dimensional chart—based on the political compass—with weakly or strongly ludic or narrative (left to right axis); and hobby or achievement (top to bottom axis). [Conceptualised 3 March 2021 by Saxber Blackwood, *Introducing motive micropatriology*.]
MW (em·duh·buhl·u) *pn*. — 1. Abbreviation of MicroWiki. 2. [obsolete] Abbreviation of MicroWorld, an erstwhile micronational web portal. [1. c.2006; 2. Coined 10 January 1999 by Thomas Leys.]
MWW (em·dub·al·yoo·dub·al·yoo) *abr*. — Initialism of Micronational World War. [2010s.]

Na—Ol

nanonation (na·now·nay·shn) *n*. — 1. A micronation which claims independence from another micronation, but is not recognised as such by its parent micronation. 2. A micronation landlocked within a micronation. [First attested 19 October 2016 by Max I of the Kingdom of Jupiter, MicroWiki forums; *nano-* (unit prefix below *micro-* meaning "one billionth") + *micronation*.]
network state (net·wrk·stayt) *n*. — [neologism] An online community of action, based around the concept of the metaverse, that crowdfunds territory around the world and eventually becomes large enough in territorial size to gain diplomatic recognition from a sovereign entity. [Coined 10 July 2022 by Balaji Srinivasan, *The Network State*.]
new country project (new·kuhn·tree·pruhj·ect) *n*. — Synonym for micronation; formerly considered more serious and formal, it is now used interchangeably. [First attested Summer 1997 by Marc Joffe, writing for *Formulations* (vol. IV, no. 4; page 1).]
New Guard (new·gaard) *pn*. — 1. [MicroWiki sector] The newer generation of the MicroWiki sector. 2. [MicroWiki sector; obsolete] Historically the generation of micronationalists who joined MicroWiki after ~July 2010. [April 2011, MicroWiki; *new* + *Old Guard*.]
new nation project (new·nay·shn·pruhj·ect) *n*. — Synonym for micronation, especially one that is secessionist but now used interchangeably. [First attested 10 July 2008, Wikinews; may predate this; probably from *new country project*.]
New Secessionism (new·suh·seh·shn·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [neologism] A theory or micropatriological position which holds that, whilst micronations will likely never be recognised as macronations and actively striving for such a goal is ultimately fruitless, micronations may be used as a framework to provide services or protection to a small group of individuals and help build a collective sense of identity. [Conceptualised c.15 January 2018 by Saxber Blackwood.]
New Secessionist (new·suh·seh·shn·ist) — 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for New Secessionism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, New Secessionism. [Coined 15 January 2018 by Saxber Blackwood.]
no man micronation (no·man·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — [neologism] A micronation which no longer has any citizens, caused when all citizens depart without the micronation being formally disestablished. [Conceptualised 12 January 2023 by Mona Ghazvini, MicroWiki.]
non-territorial micronation (non·teh·ruh·taw·ree·uhl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — A micronation that claims no physical territory. [First attested 2 October 1999, Usenet; may predate this.]
Old Guard (old·gaard) *pn*. — 1. [MicroWiki sector] The older generation of the MicroWiki sector. 2. [MicroWiki sector; obsolete] Historically the generation of micronationalists who joined MicroWiki before ~August 2010. [April 2011, MicroWiki; from *old guard* ("more conservative and unwilling to accept new ideas compared to one's peers").]

On—Pl

one man micronation (wuhn·man·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — A micronation with only one citizen or one active participant. [First attested 7 May 2010, *The Micronational Dictionary* [OAM]; likely predates this date.]
one man nation (wuhn·man·nay·shn) *n.* — Shortening of one man micronation; a micronation with only one citizen or one active participant. [c.2011, MicroWiki; short form of *one man micronation*.]
online micronation — see cyber micronation.
paper doll (pay·pr·dol) *n.* — [dated] An alternative pseudonymous online account, especially one used for abuse; a sockpuppet. [c.1998, possibly derived from *paple*.]
paple (pay·puhl) *n.* — [obsolete] An alternative pseudonymous online account used for abuse, such as electoral fraud, inflating a micronation's population and espionage. [Origin uncertain; either derived from *paple* (fictional characters drawn on strips of paper which were citizens of the Kingdom of Porto Claro) coined mid-1993 by Leandro Riente, or a combination of *paper* and *people* in 1997.]
parallel plane theory (peh·ruh·lel·playn·thee·ur·ee) *n.* — [neologism] A theory or micropatriological position which holds that micronations and macronations exist on separate, parallel planes whereby their duties and responsibilities do not intersect nor overlap. [Coined 18 August 2017 by Jordan Brizendine, *Resolution on Micronational Sovereignty*.]
parent macronation (peh·ruhnt·mac·row·nay·shn) *n.* — The macronation in which a particular micronation is located. [First attested 5 August 2016, r/micronations–Reddit; may predate this.]
Patroller (puh·trowl·uhr) *n.* — [MicroWiki sector] A former position and role on MicroWiki which granted users accredited permission to nominate articles for deletion and access to a moderation log wherein edits by newly-created accounts must first be approved. [Role created c.October 2010, MicroWiki; *patrol* + *-er*.]
phonia (fown·ee·uh) *n.* — [obsolete] Linguistic sector. [Before 2006; from Portuguese *fonia;* compare *-phony* ("nouns related to sound structure").]
piconation (pik·oh·nay·shn) *n.* — [neologism] 1. A nanonation which claims independence from another nanonation, but is not recognised as such by its parent micronation. 2. [neologism] A nanonation landlocked within a nanonation. [First attested 13 December 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki; *pico-* (unit prefix below *nano-* meaning "one trillionth") + *micronation*.]
play micronation — see toy micronation.
plush toy micronation (pluhsh·toy·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — A micronation that grants citizenship to plush toys or claims that plush toys hold offices and make sentiment decisions in said micronation. [First attested 5 March 2022 by Nicolas Caiazzo, MicroWiki; likely predates this date.]
plushie micronation — see plush toy micronation.

Po—Sece

postclassical micropatriology (post·kla·si·kal·mai·krow·pat·ri·uh·luh·jee) *n*. — [neologism] A theory or micropatriological position that regards simulationism as equally aa legitimate as secessionism, and holds that defining whether or not a micronation's culture is constructed or organic should an important distinguishing feature within micronationalism. [Conceptualised 4 March 2021 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
project nation (pruhj·ect·nay·shn) *n*. — Synonym for micronation, especially one that is secessionist; formerly regarded as more serious or formal, it is now used interchangeably. [2010s; origin obscure.]
proto-micronation (pro·tow·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — [neologism] A micronational entity (a polity that closely resembles a micronation, but is ultimately considered to be separate from such), especially the predecessor of a micronation. [Coined September 2013 by Russell McDougall, *Surveying the American Tropics: A Literary Geography from New York to Rio* (page 250); *proto-* ("first", "ancestor of") + *micronation*.]
puppet micronation (puh·puht·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n*. — A micronation puppet state; a micronation that is officially independent but completely dependent upon or subject to the orders of another micronation. [Late 1990s, possibly GeoCities; *puppet state* + *micronation*.]
Reddit sector (reh·duht·sek·tr) *pn*. — 1. A sector based around the social news aggregation and internet forum service Reddit, generally categorised by its association with the Discord sector. 2. [MicroWiki sector] The subreddit forum r/micronations. [c.October 2020, MicroWiki/Discord.]
safeguarding (sayf·gaar·duhng) — 1. *n.* [MicroWiki sector; sometimes humorous] A word used to criticise or poke fun at the MicroWiki administration, its policies, or hypocrisy. 2. *interj.* [MicroWiki sector; often humorous] An exclamation used to call out something considered unsafe or harmful. [mid–late 2021, Discord; adapted from the British term *safeguarding* ("measures to protect the health, rights and well-being of individuals, especially young people and vulnerable adults.").]
seasteading (see·steh·duhng) *n*. — The construction of a permanent structure at sea upon which to claim sovereignty, particularly outside of the territorial waters that a macronational government claims. [1960s; *sea* + *homesteading*.]
secessionism (suh·seh·shn·ɪ·zm) *n*. — The most widely recognised and accepted form of micronationalism, in which a polity (micronation) claims to be an independent, sovereign nation-state but is typically small enough to be ignored by the macronational authorities of its parent macronation. [Early 2000s; gradually evolved in meaning 1996–early 2000s from *secessionism* ("a political entity declaring independence from another political entity, typically a sovereign state").]
secessionist (suh·seh·shn·ist) — 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for secessionism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, secessionism. [1995–96.]

Sect—Sub

sector (sek·tr) *n*. — A group of micronations which share a common bond, be that geographical, political, linguistic, historical, or ancestral ties; a community within the wider intermicronational community. [Before November 2000, Micras; from the *Apolyton* (*Apollo*) *Sector*, late 1999.]
sector isolate (sek·tr·ai·suh·layt) *n*. [protologism] A sector isolated from, or seldom influenced by, other sectors. [Coined 16 October 2022 by Zabëlle Skye.]
sectorology (sek·tr·uh·luh·jee) *n*. — [protologism] The study of sectors. [Coined 2019–20 by Zabëlle Skye, Discord; *sector* + *-ology*.]
serial micronationalist (see·ree·uhl·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·ist) *n*. — [neologism] An individual who applies for citizenship in numerous micronations at once without the intention of contributing to any of them. [Coined 16 December 2020 by Yaroslav Mar, MicroWiki.]
simmie (sim·ei) *n*. — 1. [derogatory] A simulationist. 2. [derogatory] A general insult for a micronationalist or micronation perceived as non-serious. [First attested 5 July 2020, r/micronations; may predate this date.]
simulationism (sim·yuh·lay·shn·ɪ·zm) *n*. — An ideology in which micronations do not claim or actively seek sovereignty or independence, but rather seek to function as a political or cultural simulation. [c.2000–2003; probably derived from a micronation that wishes to "simulate" a country instead of achieve sovereignty.]
simulationist (sim·yuh·lay·shn·ist) — 1. *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for simulationism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, simulationism. [c.2000–2003.]
soft secessionism (soft·suh·seh·shn·ɪ·zm) *n*. — [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] The tenet that micronations should maintain a formal, persistent commitment to achieving macronational recognition while openly declaring their projects to be micronations and, in practice, treating them as hobby projects. [Conceptualised 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki.]
soft secessionist (soft·suh·seh·shn·ist) [Blackwood's classical micropatriology; neologism] — *adj*. Of, supporting, relating to, or advocating for soft secessionism. 2. *n*. One who supports, or advocates for, soft secessionism. [Coined 12 July 2020 by Saxber Blackwood, MicroWiki; *soft secessionism* + *-ist*.]
space nation (spays·nay·shn) *n*. — 1. A micronation that claims a portion of space as its territory. 2. An extraterrestrial micronation; one that claims portions of space, planets or satellites. [Popularised 12 October 2016 by Igor Ashurbeyli; likely predates this date.]
sub-sector (suhb·sek·tr) *n*. — A sector within a sector. [First attested 18 April 2020, MicroWiki; *sub-* + *sector*.]
subsector (suhb·sek·tr) *n*. — Alternative spelling of sub-sector; a sector within a sector. [First attested 11 November 2020, MicroWiki; from *sub-sector* (*sub-* + *sector*).]

Sup—U

supersector (soo·pr·sek·tr) *n.* — [neologism] A cluster (group) of sectors which are closely related. [Coined 2 February 2021 by Anthony I of Saspearian, MicroWiki; *super* + *sector*.]
talk page diplomacy (tawk·payj·duh·plow·muh·see) *n.* — [MicroWiki sector] The use of the talk page namespace on MicroWiki for means of conducting or initiating intermicronational diplomacy, typically between micronations of the MicroWiki sector. [Coined 20 May 2014 by Jonathan I of Austenasia, MicroWiki.]
talk page kid (tawk·payj·kid) *n.* — [neologism; derogatory; MicroWiki sector] A micronationalist who exclusively uses talk pages on MicroWiki for correspondence and conducing diplomacy. [Coined 6 July 2022 by Devin Purcell, Discord.]
territorial micronation (teh·ruh·taw·ree·uhl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — A micronation that claims physical land as its territory, as opposed to a non-territorial one. [First attested 4 July 2010, Res Publica SPQR forum; likely predates this date.]
themed micronationalism (theemd·mai·krow·nay·shn·al·ɪ·zm) *n.* — The concept or paradigm within micronationalism whereby a micronation bases its form of government, laws, beliefs or culture off of a particular theme. [2011–12, MicroWiki.]
traditional micronation (truh·di·shuh·nuhl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — A secessionist, territorial micronation, as opposed to an online or non-secessionist micronation. [First attested 22 February 2010, *Listverse*; may predate this date.]
toy micronation (toy·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — [protologism] A micronation that grants citizenship to toys or claims that toys hold offices and make sentiment decisions in said micronation. [Coined late September 2022 by Zabëlle Skye.]
Twitter sector (twi·tr·sek·tr) *pn.* — Micronationalist Twitter; the virtual community (sector) of mostly micronationalists who use the social media platform Twitter to make posts surrounding intermicronational diplomacy, events, issues and other ongoings of interest to the micronational community. [c.2020, MicroWiki/Discord.]
UM (yoo·em) *abr.* — 1. United Micronations. 2. [uncommon] Union of Micronations. [1. In emulation of the macronational UN; first incarnation founded March 1997, GeoCities; 2. c.2009; may predate this date.]
Union of Micronations (yoon·yuhn·ov·mai·krow·nay·shns) *pn.* — 1. A generic name for an intermicronational organisation. 2. [rare] An intermicronational organisation or micronational union. [First attested 2009, *What is a Nation: The Micronationalist Challenge to Traditional Concepts of the Nation-state* (page 16); may predate this date.]
United Micronations (yoo·nai·tuhd·mai·krow·nay·shns) *pn.* — A generic name for an intermicronational organisation. [In emulation of the macronational United Nations; first incarnation founded March 1997, GeoCities.]

V—Y

virtual country (vur·choo·uhl·kuhn·tree) *n.* — [obsolete] A micronation. [Probably 1996, GeoCities; compare *virtual nation*.]
virtual micronation (vur·choo·uhl·mai·krow·nay·shn) *n.* — 1. A non-territorial micronation, especially a cyber micronation. 2. A fantasy micronation; geofiction. [c.1990s, possibly GeoCities.]
virtual nation (vur·choo·uhl·nay·shn) *n.* — 1. [rare; dated] A cyber micronation. 2. [obsolete; sometimes derogatory] A micronation. [Probably 1996, GeoCities; compare *virtual country*.]
wax cabinet (waks·kab·uh·nuht) *n.* — [obsolete] A micronation in which all major governmental offices are held by the alternative pseudonymous online accounts of a single individual. [Coined late 2000 by P. R. Rasmussen.]
YAMO (yahm·oh) *n.* — 1. [derogatory] An intermicronational organisation that serves no purpose. 2. [derogatory] An inexperienced or unprofessional intermicronational organisation, typically short-lived and with no noteworthy accomplishments. 3. [derogatory] A general insult for an intermicronational organisation. [c.1998; origin obscure. Initialism of *yet another micronational organisation*.]
yet another micronational organisation — see YAMO.
YouTube sector (yoo·toob·sek·tr) *pn.* — A sector based around the online video sharing and social media platform YouTube, categorised by its lacklustre diplomacy via the posting of comments on videos and for having numerous videos of war declarations and national anthems with little to no substance on micronational affairs. [First attested 2011, MicroWikia.]

Origin of *micropatriology*

The origin of *micropatriology*—the study of micronationalism—is well-documented but rather curious as it arose as an alternative spelling of *micropatrology*, which is evidently spelled without an *i*. *Micropatrology* was coined in 1973[1] by the International Micropatrological Society (IMS) and means the "study of small countries".[2] It was probably coined by IMS founder and president Frederick W. Lehmann IV. The IMS was the first organisation to study micronations on a professional level, and it remains significant in the history of micronationalism and especially micropatriology.

The word's formation has ultimately not been confirmed, but almost certainly comes from *micro-* + *patria* (Latin "country" or literally "fatherland") + *-ology* (common variant of Ancient Greek *-logy -logíā* λογία "study of"), literally meaning the "study of small countries." This etymology makes sense logically, and it was independently found by micropatriologist Pedro Aguiar in 2006[3] and later by macronational academic Terri Ann Moreau in their 2014 thesis *Subversive Sovereignty: Parodic Representations of Micropatrias Enclaved by the United Kingdom*.[4]

Previously and even still, micropatriologists are confused by the word's etymology due to a second plausible but likely incorrect origin: *micro-* + *patro* (Ancient Greek *patéras* πατέρας "father") + *-logy*, assuming that the *o* is connected to *patr* and instead of *-ology*, the word uses the more common form *-logy*. This would, however, erroneously make it the "study of small fathers"[5] instead of countries, which makes no logical sense in comparison to the first etymology which assumes that *patria* becomes *patr*.

This word as well as the IMS (which was credited as coining it) are featured in Erwin S. Strauss' 1979 *How To Start Your Own Country*, the first book dedicated to micronationalism.[6] In 1992, Lehmann made a post on Usenet saying: "I've seen it [micropatrology] used in 2 books and about 12 newspaper and magazine stories in the UK and USA and Tonga," suggesting that *micropatrology* may have achieved a modest usage in wider macronational media. He further states that either him or IMS vice-president Christopher Martin coined it.[7]

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[1] Moreau, Terri Ann. *Subversive Sovereignty: Parodic Representations of Micropatrias Enclaved by the United Kingdom*. 2014. Thesis, Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom. p. 51, https://pure.royalholloway.ac.uk/portal/files/22951152/moreau_thesis_finalsubmission.pdf

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During the micronational Internet boom which began in 1995, *micropatrology* became widely known and used by micronationalists in records dating back to as early as 1996. That same year for instance, Swiss author Fabrice O'Driscoll of Aix-Marseille University founded the French Institute of Micropatrology, which he regarded as an unofficial continuation of the IMS.[8]

The earliest attested use of the *i* variant is dated to October 1998 in section six of the Latin American Institute of Micropatriology (LAIM)'s Portuguese-language *the Conventions of the LAIM* (Portuguese: *As Convenções Do Ilam*): "Por "Micropatriólogo" entende-se o estudioso das micronações e do fenômeno do secessionismo",[9] translated into English as: "By "Micropatriologist" it is meant the scholar of micronations and the phenomenon of secessionism." Note that in Portuguese, the suffix *-logo* (or *-ólogo* as it appears here) forms the names of professionals or scholars working in a given field of study, while *-logia* (compare the English *-logy*) forms the names of the field of study itself. Thus, *micropatriologia* is the Portuguese spelling of *micropatriology*.

According to Aguiar's online encyclopaedia Wikimicropídia (Aguiar was also a founder of the LAIM), the *i* was added to avoid confusing *patria* with *patro*; specifically, the entry for *micropatriology* states that it is "Sometimes misspelled as "*micropatrology*"" and notes that it is incorrect because "the Latin root *patro-* refers to "father", not "fatherland" [both extracts translated from Portuguese]".[10]

This variant appears to have been particularly used by micronationalists in the Portuguese linguistic sector, whilst the the original spelling was preferred in French; *micropatrology* is the spelling used in O'Driscoll's 2000 work *They Are Not in the United Nations*.[11] *Micropatriology* appears to have been widely adopted in English by at least 2001; by 24 April 2001, the micronational web dictionary by P. R. Rasmussen—Prince of the Sovereign Principality of Corvinia—entitled *A glossary of micronational terms* recorded only this variant.[12]

On 29 December 2001, prominent micropatriologist Steven F. Scharff used this variant on the Usenet newsgroup alt.politics.micronations,[13] and nearly all recorded instances in micronationalism from 2002 onwards show the *micropatriology* spelling as most common.

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Although many macronational sources between the late 2000s to mid-2010s have used *micropatrology,*[14] the *micropatriology* variant appears to have been gaining traction as the standard spelling in macronational academia in recent years; in 2021, this was the variant used by Australian legal academics Harry Hobbs and George Williams in their *Micronations and the Search for Sovereignty*,[15] the most definitive published work on micronationalism in English since at least Lonely Planet's 2006 *Micronations: The Lonely Planet Guide to Home-Made Nations*.

On an unrelated yet quite intriguing note, the spelling *micropatriology* actually first appears as a typographical error on 18 July 1977 in volume 10, issue 29 of the magazine *New York*.[16] This was evidently a misspelling because it was the variant used in the name for the IMS, which should remain the same regardless of what variant the writer uses. Indeed, quite an interesting coincidence.

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